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MBA Welcomes 12 New Teachers

by Kurt Gilliland

This fall, MBA is proud to welcome twelve new faculty members to the MBA community. These new teachers are filling in gaps left by the twelve who left this past year.

Mr. Jim Bostik and Mr. Mark Elliott are heading into other basketball coaching positions. Mr. Bostik will be the head coach at a North Carolina high school, while Mr. Elliott will be an assistant at Vanderbilt.

Dr. Thomas and Mr. Tom Moore are heading into more school to get other degrees. Mrs. Lanphier will not be at MBA so that she can be a full-time mother. Likewise, Mrs.

Hagan will now be a homemaker.

Mrs. Bowen and Dr. Ward have headed into retirement. Miss Marti, Mr. Leach, Mr. Hopping, and Mr. Friday are heading into teaching jobs elsewhere.

Teaching seventh-grade English this year will be Ms. Carol Brewer, who previously has taught for fourteen years at Harding Academy. She received her degrees from Earlham and Ball State. With Ms. Brewer, there will still be a "7B."

Also in the junior school will be Ken Downey (brother of '87 graduate Frank). Mr. Downey, who graduated from MBA and

Vanderbilt and who has been teaching at Athens Academy in Georgia for the last year, will teach eighth-grade ancient history and word wealth. He has already been working for the last month with the varsity football team, coaching the wide receivers and defensive backs. He will also assist in coaching basketball and baseball.

Fred Forehand will be in the junior school, too, teaching seventh-grade history. Mr. Forehand, an MTSU graduate, has been in the Metro school system for 24 years. He has been coaching the freshman football team for the last week and will work with the basketball and baseball teams later in the year.

The junior school will also welcome Joe Thoni as a seventh-grade mathematics teacher. Mr. Thoni, a Sewanee graduate, will also coach football, basketball, and intramurals.

Ms. Barbara Waugh will handle the eighth-grade science teaching this year. Ms. Waugh has degrees from Carlton and Vanderbilt.

The high school will add seven new teachers. Teaching English will be Haywood Moxley, who graduated from the University of Georgia and got a masters degree from the University of South Carolina. He will help in coaching tennis, baseball, and basketball.

The history department will add David Mikell. The Auburn graduate will teach American history and Government/Economics and will coach football and soccer.

Stephen Streed will teach Latin. The Stanford graduate will also coach soccer and wrestling.

Dr. Billie Lang will be a welcome addition to the science department. Dr. Lang, who has degrees from Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi, will teach biology (including AP).

The science department will also welcome Dr. Michael Grubber. The new chemistry see **TEACHERS** page 3

Student Council Preview

by Richard Speight

As the new year begins, it is exciting to watch the formation of the new student organizations. With new leadership comes the thrill of new challenges and new expectations. The student council is one of such organization.

If one could predict the quality of the student council by simply examining the senior leadership, one would expect stellar achievements from this year's council. The senior officers are as follows: Dave "Opie" Spickard as treasurer; Jim Norris as secretary; Edgar "Cigar" Bueno as vice president; and Richard Speight as president. This year promises to be a refreshing change of pace. Already we see that Richard is one of the shortest guys ever to serve as president, which is comforting.

There are strong underclassmen as well. Leading the junior class are John Smithwick, John Henry Rice, Drew Robinson, and Billy Frist. The sophomore class officers are Dan Brooks, Renard Francois, Matt Fisher, and Nate Sewell. Freshmen elections will occur soon.

As far as actually making progress, these boys have already illustrated their skill by

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Honor Council Preview

by Steve Jobe

One of the unique aspects of MBA as a high school is the presence of an Honor Code. Being a college preparatory school, MBA seeks to teach its students to be self-determining. Thus, the burden of maintaining the school's honor rests upon the student body. Each student should work individually to maintain the integrity of the entire school.

The work to be done by the student is quite minimal, though. Since MBA is trying to promote autonomy, the Honor Code asks only that a student act as an individual in all endeavors.

If a student maintains independence, he will not break any portion of the Honor Code. The common violations—such as lying, cheating, stealing, and deceiving and attempts at such violations—would be avoided if a student did his own work at all times.

Through self-sufficiency may seem to be a trivial task, truly abiding by the Honor Code holds much importance in student life. The great importance involved arises because the Honor Code is part of MBA's community reputation and heritage. MBA earns just as much



As seen from Rokeby, MBA lies quiet over the summer. *Photoby Kurt Gilliland.*

TSSAA Makes Changes

by Kurt Gilliland

The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association has installed numerous changes for the 1987-88 school year. The obvious change is the redrawing of districts 11-AAA and 12-AAA. The old dividing line was the Cumberland River, but this boundary tended to create two lopsided districts in Nashville. Therefore, 1-65 was made the new boundary for dividing the

schools into two districts, one for West Nashville and one for East Nashville.

District 11-AAA will contain Father Ryan, Hillsboro, Hillwood, MBA, Overton, Pearl-Cohn, and Whites Creek. This is different from last year in that Antioch and Glenclyff were lost and White's Creek was gained.

District 12-AAA will contain Antioch, Glenclyff, Hunters

Lane, Maplewood, McGavock, and Stratford.

These amendments change the ratio of the districts from 8:5 to 7:6. With one less district game for MBA this year in football, an extra non-district game can be picked up. MBA will keep its contact with Beech but will drop Tullahoma and Dickson County. The three new district games will be against

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FEATURES

Mayoral Race : Boner or Bredeesen

by Bill Penuel

The mayor's race held August 6 was nothing less than a disappointment. With Bill Boner and Phil Bredeesen in the runoff for the mayor's seat to replace the outgoing Richard Fulton, the opportunity to lead Nashville into a new era has been quashed. Neither Bill Boner nor Phil Bredeesen offers the kind of leadership that meets the needs of Nashville in the 1990s.

Neither candidate can unify Nashville politically, socially, and economically. Bill Boner's ethics still remain in question, with the lobbying group Common Cause still seeking to reopen his trial before a House subcommittee. Bill Boner and his wife Betty have allegedly been involved in many covert and illegal dealings, including the misuse of campaign funds and the rather nefarious dealings with defense contractor James Welham. As a result, few people in the issue-oriented south side of Davidson County trust Bill Boner. Many, in fact, are adamantly opposed to him and his run for mayor, as evidenced by Phil Bredeesen's visible political

buttons with the crossed-out bone. A geographic division based sharply on socio-economic lines and intensified by the Boner candidacy has been created in Nashville, which could lead to some serious problems in the flow of Metro government.

Phil Bredeesen, as somewhat of an outsider in Metro politics, lacks the public responsibility and the time necessary to create a solid record of achievement in government to accumulate trust in the Nashville community. Since he has lived in Nashville, Phil Bredeesen has not voted in a single mayoral election, yet he is the loudest of complainers of the Fulton administration. His business-like demeanor and the 1986 sale of his business have yielded mixed results. A group of angry stockholders has sued Phil for \$45,000,000. Perhaps government is not to be run like a business with such a division between winner and loser.

Phil Bredeesen's money has been a critical issue in his campaign. One million of the 47.9 million dollars he made from the sale of his home-grown company. He has spent over one

million of his own money thus far for the campaign and is expected to spend a large sum for the runoff. His money has effectively bought him 24 percent of the vote thus far, outdistancing third-place finisher Betty Nixon by eight percentage points. It is true that a large sum of money must be spent for an unknown to propel himself into second place in the mayor's race, but Bredeesen's level of spending is ridiculous. A barrage of television spots and public right-of-way signs have littered both the airwaves and the streets. Paid "volunteers" stand at street corners with little enthusiasm hold up Bredeesen signs. Time will perhaps let us know, however, whether Bredeesen will learn the same lesson Jane Eskind learned, that money can buy you second place.

Boner's methods of coercion were more subtle. First among these was his attempt at hiding during the campaign's early weeks. It would seem that Boner was not in Washington during this time, especially since he has missed over fifty percent of the House votes. He refused to show up at mayoral

forums to debate the other candidates, preferring to offer beer and barbecue at huge parties across the city. He consistently skirted the issues: whenever someone would bring up the subject of his past, he would call for a return to the issues. Boner spent more time calling for a return to the issues rather than discussing the issues themselves.

Boner has a further and perhaps unfair advantage in the race. Metro government has been effectively and brilliantly run by Dick Fulton. His impressive leadership has provided an impetus for urban developments economically, socially, and culturally. City workers in fear of their jobs see Bill Boner as maintaining the status quo with little turnover between Fulton and Boner administrations. It is feared that Bredeesen would overhaul the system and cause some turmoil in the process. The status quo would work, it is thought, and people prefer job security to voting their conscience.

Paramount in this election was the poor treatment given by Bredeesen and to a lesser degree

Boner to candidate Betty Nixon. Acknowledged by all of her opponents as the most qualified for the job, Betty had the experience to back up the claim with her twelve years on the Metro Council. She represents the values of a progressive Nashville prepared for the next century. She was and is still ready to combat the old boy network that has permeated Nashville politics. As such a person, others, such as Gale Robinson, saw her as a threat to Nashville. Both Robinson and Bredeesen repeatedly said that Betty had no chance of winning. The pervasive media blitz by these two candidates struck the minds of Nashvillians; many at the polls went in knowing that Betty was the best candidate, but the did not vote for her because they felt she had little chance of winning. Nixon ran an astounding campaign despite of this, spending six times less than Phil Bredeesen yet finishing only eight percentage points behind him. There is thus hope and despair in the politics of Nashville, and it would be unfair to assess Nashville's political situation at this time as progressive or passé; only time will tell.

Letter from the Editors

This year the *Bell Ringer* has officially stepped into the computer age. With the purchase of an Apple Macintosh SE, the paper has been produced more efficiently, more neatly, and less expensively. With the exceptional computerized layout system, the staff can concentrate more on the quality of the writing. The added flexibility provided by the computer will give the staff a chance to try out new ideas in layout and design. If you like or dislike the changes we make, please let us know.



Photo by Jay Knowles

OLLIE NORTH:
Hero or Criminal ?

by Braxton Perkins

When the sale of arms to Iran and the diversion of funds to the Contras came to the public's attention in November of last year, the public viewed Oliver North as the middle man in the covert operations being disclosed. North was silent, secretive about the developing scandal. The public saw him as responsible for the scandal. They feared that such a man had had the power to do what he did without any authority or notice to the public. North was a "loose cannon". President Reagan called North "a national hero", but no one seemed to agree quite yet. There was still a cloud of mystery surrounding North that even reporters staked out at his Virginia home for weeks couldn't clear. North continued to be the butt of political cartoons and news editorials, until early July when he testified at Capitol Hill.

North's six day testimony in front of House and Senate select

committees cleared the cloud of mystery, corruption, and guilt that the public had seen. North's personality and charisma charmed the millions of Americans glued to the television. North became the hero that Reagan had called him six months before. Americans saw in North qualities of their favorite fictional hero: brave, handsome, honest, dutiful, straightforward, intelligent. North became a mix of all the heroes: Dirty Harry, Rambo, David, all men fighting against the odds. "Olliemania" swept the United States. People bought "Ollie" burgers, got "Ollie" haircuts and wore "Ollie for President" buttons and shirts. News editorials targeted North as the one man who should represent the U.S. in a meeting with Gorbachov. Soon, Ollie's personality began to fade from people's minds the real reason why he was testifying: a political scandal with criminal repercussions.

"Olliemania" has started

wane, and eventually will fade even more as the criminal investigation begins. No matter how charismatic North is, he cannot deny the fact that he lied to the Congress of the United States, that he violated the Boland Amendment, that he destroyed government documents during an investigation, and that he conspired to fraud the U.S. government. North's justification for all these actions, especially the lies, was to save his covert operations from death. North lied in order to get his political convictions and those of the President into action, the action of aiding the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance. North has admitted to his crimes, or at least to his actions that will be proven to be criminal. The American people perhaps may continue to be charmed by North, but they will be singing the praises of a criminal, a heroic criminal, but still a violator of the laws of this country.

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F E A T U R E S

Cheerleaders '87-'88

by Rob Archer

The 1987-88 MBA cheerleaders are ready for the football and basketball seasons. They are showing new stunts, new cheers, and some very new faces.

Before attending the UCA camp at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee, they met for a week of campus on the "Hill". The sponsors, Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Hitt (with Coach Friday), helped the cheerleaders with some elementary actions and stunts to go along with the cheers. They also decided on the prospective guy-gal partners: Marsha Ivy and Paul Moffat; Cappy Monk and Bill Hitt; Jennifer Rose and Rob Archer; Beth Sullins and Park Thomas; Carter Murray and John Overfield; Elanor Jones and Lyle McDonald; with Karen Greer, Holly Shear, and Tom Benning as alternates.

After a week of poorly-performed stunts, some half-hearted cheers, and the constant ribbing by the football men, the cheerleaders took to the road in the brand-new red van with the able Mr. Friday at the wheel and Mrs. Hitt trailing behind with all of the luggage.

Mr. Friday arrived with his troops at Lambuth with surprising accuracy...only one hour later than all the other squads. Soon afterwards, the guys had the remarkable, yet enjoyable, experience of discovering that they were the only male squad there. It was destined to be a productive week.

The cheerleaders endured cheer classes, private coaching, cheerobics, and stunt classes, where they practiced pyramids. During one stunt class, Tom Benning (Mr. Spotter) soon made a name for himself within the squad after a few lewd gestures. He was aiming to impress quickly and soundly.

The first evaluation by the judges, however, was disappointing for the Big Red; they received two ribbons—a lowly "outstanding" and a somewhat better "excellent" (with "superior" being the highest rank). Needless to say, the squad was happy but also disappointed. Right then and there, the male half of the squad resolved to fleshpile Mr. Friday when receiving their first blue "superior" ribbon.

Soon came the tumbling classes for the guys while the ladies practiced their

non-existent pom-pom routines. More conflict was aroused, this time, between Penny, the head instructor of the camp and Park. Park, coming along beautifully with his back handspring, graciously asked Penny to spot him during his tumbling. Penny was heard to say, "I'm not going to spot your fat [dirty word that is synonymous with one's backside]." What made Park even angrier, though, was Penny's complete denial of ever having said such a word. Soon Penny would learn not to tangle with Park and his cheerleading peers. During the last evaluation session, the Big Red surprisingly learned that they had received a blue ribbon (even after the injury to Jennifer Rose, the middle girl in the pyramid). The crew then decided that Mr. Friday needed punishment. Catching wind of the dastardly plan, Friday took off with the MBA squad in pursuit. He was quick, but not quick enough. As Friday rounded a corner, Hitt came in from the flank to cut him off. The coach was soon overtaken as the speedster of the squad, Rob "Modesty" Archer caught him from behind. Archer's anorexia and ectomorphism helped him to slow Friday Down con-



The MBA cheerleaders strike a pose.

Photo by John Friday.

siderably but did not officially start the fleshpile. Park soon entered the picture to begin it officially with a heart-stopping crash from behind.

Later that day, Penny finally got her going-away present. After a stunt contest, two instructors were chosen by the winners to be doused with ice-cold water. Although MBA was not a part of the winning group, Penny asked the he-man tight guys to do the dumping. Ironically, this led to her own downfall. As the guys picked up the cooler of water, Park started the chant of "We want Penny!" As two instructors grabbed her, the guys threw all the water on Penny with a lead-in by a thrust from John Overfield. Revenge was sweet!!

On returning from camp the next day, the squad, hungry for real food, decided to stop at the

ever-popular Pizza Hut. When Rob's pizza arrived, he was greeted with a chorus of "happy Birthdays" by the team. As Rob's face went red, he glanced to see the sad eyes of John Overfield, filling with tears—no one was singing to him, even though his birthday to him despite the fact that his birthday was a few days later. He soon overcame his depression through the constant joking by Holly Shear. As John was rolling in the van floor all the way back to Nashville, the jokes of Holly soon caught on with everyone else. Soon, she was being stared at by everyone, waiting on her next shot at wit. When the troops returned home with a Spirit stick and a "most improved" ribbon, all were in good spirits. The ending of the trip symbolized the trip as a whole; it had been a good time for everyone.

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Cookeville, Brentwood High, and Murfreesboro Riverdale. Other exciting changes will be made. TSSAA basketball will put in the three-point line at the college distance (19 feet, 9 inches). This change should make all high school games more interesting. Vanderbilt was also voted to host the state tournament again.

In track, it was voted that MBA would again host the TSSAA A-AA and AAA State Track meets. This is MBA's sixth year to host the meet. It was also approved at the TSSAA meeting to use automatic timing at state track meets. This change would allow all times to be made with accuracy to the hundredth of a second. All old state records, which are presently recorded in tenths of seconds, will be converted to the new system.

In wrestling, the TSSAA adopted new national weight regulations and classes. The new classes are as follows: 103,

112, 119, 125, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, and 275. The TSSAA also approved a state team wrestling tournament with the finals to be held at Hunters Lane the week prior to regular district tournaments. This new state tournament will name a state wrestling team, while the present state tournament will decide purely the individual champions.

A similar change was made in the process of deciding tennis state champions. The TSSAA deemed a change necessary in the state tournament, for they believed that teams with just one or two good players in singles and doubles had too easy of a chance to win the state team championship. Sometimes powers like MBA and Baylor with deep lineups do not win the state team title because the present system allows only three singles and one doubles to advance from the region to the state tournament. Teams with

great depth are sometimes slighted by not being able to prove their depth down to the last doubles team. (MBA's fifth singles could probably defeat the number one singles from most all area schools).

Therefore, a different tournament to determine a state champion will be instated. The school that wins the district (with the same district tournament format) selects a team to advance to the region. This team will consist of five singles and two doubles teams. The team that wins four out of seven matches is the winner and advances further into the region and finally into the state. Either the whole team advances, or nobody from that team advances. Now there will be a true team champion. This concept is similar to the NCAA format.

There will still be a tournament to crown individual champions, but the format will be slightly different. Each school will send

two singles and two doubles teams to the tournament. No player will be allowed to enter both singles and doubles. Each match a singles or doubles team wins is worth one point. The top two in the region advance to the state individual tournament. In the past, three singles and one doubles teams advanced from the region, with players playing both singles and doubles. The old format also awarded different numbers of points for winning matches in the higher rounds.

Another change in tennis is that ad-scoring will not be used. Now all deuce points are automatic break points for the winner of the point. The matches will remain the best-two-of-three sets.

All other sports remain the same in respect to rules, and the "no pass, no play" rule remains in effect. All these changes ought to make the 1987/88 school year run smoothly.

F E A T U R E S

Freedom Fighters in Paris

by Douglass McFerrin

As Oliver North inspired our country and became the freedom-fighting hero we have all been looking for, we realized that it is people like North that make our country what it is today.

One simple question: Had you heard of Oliver North before the Iran-Contra affair? No! Well, OK, maybe you had; but while we always see Reagan and hear of all that he and the Congress do (and Reagan does tons), we no doubt ever hear about guys like North. One may ask, what does North do that is so important to our country? He's keeping Soviet bases out of Central America so the Russians will not take over the world. Not only that, he is sacrificing his life in the process! In other words: FREEDOM.

While North was busy serving his country (and not getting any honor or glory for it, ther were two more freedom fighters in similar life-threatening circumstances, serving the U.S. and not seeking any honor or glory for it. They even shunned the spotlight. Not only were they sacrificing their lives, they were sacrificing time, energy, and labor for freedom. Like North, they even lost their jobs. They were fighting for freedom! They were not in Nicaragua, however. They were in Paris.

And who were these two freedom fighters? Your fellow friends and schoolmates, Jim Harwell and Gilbert Smith. Harwell and Smith were invited, along with seven other Nashvil-

lian youth, by the ambassador to France, Mr. Joe Rodgers, to work for the month of July to work at the American Embassy residence in Paris, France.

The program was similar to the one in which MBA graduates Brennon Martin and Tom Humphreys participated last summer.

"It was really fun," Harwell said. "We were very lucky to get to go on such a memorable trip." The nine students were given the chance of a lifetime trip on a silver platter. Not only did they have to work from 8:30 to 12:00 weekdays, they did not even get paid. Plus, although they got free room in the servants' quarters of the residence, they had to pay 30 francs a day for two French cuisine meals. That works out to \$2.50 per meal. By the way, one of those small bottles of Coke calls 8 francs or \$1.33. It was the graciousness of Mr. Rodgers that provided such an incredible opportunity for the students.

The other students on the trip were: Ramie Smith of Harpeth Hall (Gilbert's sister); Danielle Ferris, Carol Len Frist, and Brendan Finucane, all of Brentwood Academy; Betsy Breakfield of Franklin Road Academy; Shannon Hunt of Hillsboro; and Michael Mason, former MBA student who now attends Avon-Old Farm School in Avon, Connecticut.

Gilbert, Mason, and Finucane all worked with the three incredible French chefs, Cesar, Yves-Marie, and Sebastien in the kitchen. Harwell

worked with the gardener, Jean, in the vast and immaculate garden of the residence. The girls worked with the butler, Jean-Jacques, and two of the maids, Zora and Marie, dusting cleaning and making up the beds in the luxurious and castle-like rooms of the residence.

They also helped in the huge July 4 celebration by decorating and making the many petite sandwiches and the delicious pastries for the two thousand French diplomats invited to the celebration. The boys enjoyed crushing the hundreds of sauceholders for the popular chicken McNuggets served at the party. They also aided in the other receptions and small parties that took place in the residence.

While many of the students improved their French, "ca va" was the most popular with them. Gilbert sent the friendly and funny French chefs into hysterics with the French he already knew. His accent and such maxims as "c'est Papa qui decide," and his enthusiasm for Paris ("let's go storm the Bastille") were enjoyed by all.

The students loved Paris. As the many museums and tours seemed to put them to sleep, they turned to other historically important sites, such as the Metro, the Opyland-type games at the Tuleries gardens, one of the many Burger Kings in Paris, the flea market, only a fragment of the literally millions of stores in Paris.

Seriously, they greatly enjoyed the Bastille Day parade and fireworks and le Tour de France on the Champs-Elysees. Other favorites included the delicious pastries found all over Paris; the Parisiens, who are always rushed but who are actually very friendly if approached; the Paris TV shows, which are actually all American shows with France dubbed in; and the U2 concert at the Hippodrome. And, about those life-threatening situations, I was serious. All over the street, guards were on duty around the clock, and every time people entered the residence, a guard was right there with a machine gun. And about those freedom fighters, they may not have been keeping Soviet bases out of Paris, but at least they didn't drop a little bomb into the barbecue sauce for the McNuggets and blow up a few French diplomats and set off a war with France.

Service Club

by Edgar Bueno

The 87-88 Service Club under the leadership of President Edgar Bueno, Vice President Seth Asher, Secretary/Treasurer John Israel, and Sergeant-at-Arms Jay Riven looks forward to yet another year of serving the school and the surrounding Nashville community.

Already the officers have met and are excited about a new policy in membership for Service Club members. This policy makes all members work equally hard with all members required to fulfill a certain number of commitments before membership is clearly obtained. All members will be required to work a total of 10 to 12 commitments before full membership is obtained and a minimum of 3 to 4 commitments will be worked off within each sport season. The officers devised this policy so that all members participate rather than "pass the buck" onto

the members who usually carry the heaviest load; this policy will be strictly enforced.

The Service Club already has a full fall schedule with work needed to be done in five home football games while doing community work at the Belle Meade Mansion Fall Fest this September 18-20. Winter is also loaded with work involving basketball games, wrestling tournaments, and volunteer work with the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. Although spring seems distant, the Service Club already plans to help with baseball games, track meets, and soccer matches.

This year the Service Club also hopes to incorporate some joint community work with Harpeth Hall or St. Cecelia; however, no definite plans have been made. The officers and Mr. Bennett look forward to yet another successful year in serving the school and community.

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community respect through its Honor Code as it does with its championship teams and nationally-ranked academic program. The faculty has given us the burden and privilege of maintaining school honor. We must now uphold the honor code to the best of our ability in order to keep the respect of the faculty, the community, and ourselves.

SC...

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organizing the little brother program for rising seniors and incoming seventh graders with breath-taking speed. One can only hope that these boys are successful in undertaking student council events, whether they be traditional or new, will be as successful as possible. I personally feel certain they will do their best.

Faculty...

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teacher and intramurals sponsor went to Notre Dame and Perdue. Dr. Grubber has 18 years of industry experience and one year of teaching experience. Mrs. Lonnie Frey will teach French this year at MBA after seventeen years at Harpeth Hall and Vanderbilt. She has attended Hood College, Emory, and the Sorbonne in Paris. Mr. Zaborowski will teach mathematics this year. After graduating from Vanderbilt, he taught at Franklin Road Academy for seven years. He will also coach track and weights and agilitys. These twelve teachers will definitely add positively to the MBA environment.



Gilbert Smith gets some cooking tips in France.
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Cinemax Sessions: Chet Atkins and Friends

by Jay Knowles

Imagine a concert with Willie Nelson, ex-Doobie Brother Michael MacDonald, Waylon Jennings, Dire Straits' Mark Knopfler, Emmylou Harris, The Everly Brothers, and six of the world's best studio musicians. What could all of these people possibly have in common musically or otherwise? They have each gained great respect in their various fields—Pop, Rock 'n' Roll, Country, etc. But why in the world would all of these people get together to perform? The answer to this question is that at some point during their musical development they picked up a Chet Atkins record and their lives were never the same.

"Chet Atkins?" you may ask. "You mean that country guitar player who used to be on the Grand Ole Opry?" Yeah, that's one way to describe him. You could also call him "That guy who played on and produced many of Elvis' and The Everly Brothers' early records" or "That guy who produced the first million-selling Country album ('The Outlaws' with Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson)" or "That guy who played on some of the Beatles' records" or "The guitarist Mark Knopfler calls 'the world's #1 guitar player'" or "one of the few original guys who created the 'Nashville Sound'" or...or...or...To put it simply—Chet Atkins is a

writer/producer/talent scout who just happens to be the most influential guitarist in the 20th Century. (Note: This is not an overstatement considering the fact that he has effected guitarists in country, pop, rock, and classical music. From Chuck Berry to Larry Carlton, from Eric Clapton to Earl Klugh.) From April 30 to May 2 some of the best musicians in the world got together for the taping of "Cinemax Sessions Presents: Chet Atkins and Friends". I fortunately was able to be present for much of the rehearsals and for both tapings.

Rehearsals began Thursday morning at 10:00. For about an hour the musicians fooled with controls, amps, levels and turned up. The band for this event was probably one of the best ever assembled. One keyboard were Michael MacDonald, Chet's tour keyboardist Darryl Dybka, and Nashville studio musician Clayton Ivey who also did most of the arrangements. On drums was studio ace Larrie Londin who has worked with everyone from Chet to Alice Cooper. Terry MacMillan, also a Nashville studio player, did triple duty as percussionist, harmonica player, and backing vocalist. Ex-Toto member David Hungate played bass. There were four guitarists in the band. Chet's tour guitarist Paul Yandell, David Pack (formerly from the band Ambrosia,

now an L.A. studio player), Mark Knopfler, and the Man himself—Chet Atkins.

Through the course of the day, the band would listen to a tape of a song once and, using only sketchy chord charts, would play through the song several times and then move on to the next song. At scheduled times during the day Emmylou Harris, Waylon Jennings, and Phil Everly came by so they could learn their parts. Willie Nelson couldn't make it to rehearsals, so the band had to pretend he was there and go along with the flow when Willie got there the day of the show.

During the break for lunch, everyone told stories about strange people they had worked with in the music business. Englanders Mark Knopfler and his manager Bob Bicknell made fun of the way southerners talk, and Chet tried to teach Emmylou how to play banjo.

Rehearsals resumed and lasted until about 7:00. One of the highlights of the afternoon was when Chet and Mark sat down to play a duet of John Lennon's "Imagine". All that day during the rehearsals when music was going on there were various producers, managers, and gofers walking around and talking. But when Chet and Mark began to play quietly, the whole room became still and silent. When the song was over, the exhausted group broke into

applause, the only time that had happened during the rehearsal which had begun nearly nine hours earlier.

The next day rehearsals began again bright and early. They were held at Vanderbilt's Neely Auditorium, where the show was to be filmed. All of the musicians went through the songs while lighting, sound, and camera technicians bustled about doing their jobs. Again, these rehearsal lasted until about 7:00 at which point several of the musicians (including Chet, Mark Knopfler, Michael MacDonald, Darryl Dybka, Larrie Londin, and David Pack and me went out for dinner at the Loveless Motel. At dinner Larrie Londin told wild stories about sessions with Alice Cooper. Several of the waitress had their pictures taken with Michael MacDonald. Chet and Mark Knopfler talked about tunes that might be good to play together sometimes in the future, and Mark and his manager again made fun of southerners' speech and they tried some grits.

The next day was showday. There were two tapings of the show—one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Both went off well and the audiences were very enthusiastic—especially at the evening performance. Some of the songs performed were: Michael MacDonald's "I Keep Forgittin'", Mark Knopfler's "Walk of Life", a

medley of the Everly Brothers' greatest hits, and Waylon and Willie's "Cold Hearted Woman". The definite high point of the evening was when Chet came out by himself and sang a song about his father. He had not performed this song in rehearsals and nobody in the band knew about it. The song and the moment were so touching that much of the audience and all of the musicians who love Chet so much had tears in their eyes. Anything after that was just icing on the cake.

The show's finale was the song "Corina Corina" where everyone in the show came out and took turns singing or playing for a verse. It was obvious that nobody wanted it to end.

After the show everyone was shipped off in limos to Chet's favorite restaurant—Uncle Bud's Catfish. There was a huge party there with nearly everybody who is anybody in the Nashville music business. The party lasted late that night—a night that nobody wanted to end.

The show is to air on Cinemax beginning September 6. I have seen a videotape of the final edit and it is definitely a show not to be missed. Even if you don't like country music, or rock music or pop music, you should still watch this show. Chet Atkins has shown everyone that it's not the style of the music that matters, but the fact that it is done by real musicians and that it is done from the heart.

Entertainment: These Days

by Ben Tate

Entertainment. The term is so broad and yet so individual. As time goes on individuals change, and so do their tastes in entertainment. Thus the world of entertainment must alter its current conventions in order to conform to the changing tastes of the people. A person who lived a hundred years ago would find many types of today's entertainment repulsive or even boring (I would personally agree with the old generation, but that's another article). Indeed, the taste of today's generation as far as the realm of entertainment is concerned is im-

paired, almost sick. Now I am not simply referring to television and pop music, although these are repulsive and boring, but I am referring to the general tastes and interests of today's public. Earlier in the summer, a friend of mine (yes, I do have friends) and I went down to Charlotte to see Platoon for 99 cents. Everyone knows the story behind Platoon... war, death, guns, etc. One would not normally consider these topics humorous. Platoon was a great movie because it realistically depicted the morbid aspects of war along with its shocking effects. Indeed, Platoon was a great movie. However, through the course of

the movie, my friend and I were amazed at the other people in the audience who were laughing at a few of the more gory and violent scenes, to be taken lightly or even with humor? We have come to an age where violence, whether it be in the fantasy of Re-Animator or the realism of Platoon, is entertaining, and sometimes even humorous.

The taste of the people must change. It is only natural. However, it seems as though our generation is headed in the wrong direction. When violence is entertainment, then entertainment is corrupt and no longer entertaining.... naaaaahhhh... just kidding!



Chet Atkins (front right) helps the band (l-r) David Hungate, Larrie Londin, Paul Yandell, Mark Knopfler, Darryl Dybka, Michael McDonald, and David Pack. Photo by Jay Knowles.



Mark and Chet joke around between takes.

Photo by Jay Knowles

ENTERTAINMENT

The Hawgs

by David Fredericksen

LONDON — The Distortion Hawgs' breakup has been a cloudy mystery until now. The real inside story was revealed by sources last week. The tawdy stories of fights, small animals, and altogether dissension among the band plagued the Hawgs for years. The lead singer and pseudo-leader of the band, Tim Wallace, was located after weeks of searching. Wallace was found in Northern Idaho with a neo-religious of fanatics who worship Edgar Bueno. Approaching Wallace was difficult because of the hordes of the screaming female followers around him. Questioned about the band's mysterious breakup, Wallace said, "Man, they [the other band members] would not make me loud enough." On stories of the fast-paced life of the back stage, Wallace was quoted as saying, "It was great for about six months, but then all the over-zealous girls got to be a hassle. I went through a lot of clothes." Wallace was famous for his on-dash stage antics in leopard-skin spandex pants and moon-boots.

Percussion, backbone, and pseudo-leader of the band, Drew Nord, was last seen checking in with Mrs. Fred Dorfmann at the Trembling Hills Rehabilitation Center after a long bout with Jolt Cola. Mr. Nord was unavailable for comment, but spokesman, manager, and pseudo-leader of the band, Mr. Georgie Gillett, said, "Drew is doing well in treatment and is expected to return to a normal life around 1990."

Other bands and musicians around the world all felt the grave impact of the Hawgs' dissolving. Upon hearing about the Hawgs' breakup, Jenny Garcia, lead vocals, and leader of the Grateful Dead went into hysterics, ran off stage, and began writing a new Dead ballad. Rumors have it that this new tune is a homage-epic-saga-type ode to the immortal Distortion Hawgs.

Led Zeppelin cancelled their reunion tour after hearing about the Hawgs. Jimmy Page

said, "The immortal squeal of the Hawg is dead. [Sob]"

Guitarist Tom "the Hump" Humphreys is one of the only Hawgs who seems to be making some reasonable future plans. Having already released a solo album entitled "I Hate You, Get Out of My Face," Humphreys plans to begin a new solo career using the backup band from Madonna and six keyboardists. "I wanted a real sound," Humphreys decided to end his on-stage strip-show during concerts on the advice of close friend Big Kiss guitarist Paul Stanley. Also moved about the Hawgs' breakup, the singer/songwriter Paul Stanley of Kiss said, "You know, it was Tom Humphrey's idea for us [Kiss] to wear make-up on stage. If it weren't for Tom, I don't know where I'd be today." Kiss' next album will feature some guest guitar spots from Tom "the master" Humphreys.

Ben "the Workhorse" Tate, guitarist, songwriter, and pseudo-leader of the band has completely left the music world. "I got fed up with it!" said Tate. "We never got paid enough and there was never enough food." Tate, now a multi-millionaire because of his shrewd investments, recently bought the entire restaurant chain of Calhouns. Tate is also considering a professional football career because of his love for the game. Tate now jointly owns the Dolphins, Rams, and Steelers. "I miss the game and the slam-tackling drills," says a teary-eyed Tate. Whatever his position or job in life is, we're all sure that Ben will continue to work fifty-hour weeks.

The real success story of this band is the Cinderella sky-rocket story of bass player, singer, songwriter, and pseudo-leader of the band, Richard, "Defense," Speight, Jr. Some people can only compare his rise to popularity and fame to that of the King, Elvis Presley. Speight, also known as "the new Elvis," is following in the immortal footsteps of Elvis by singing his way through forty-eight movies within the last two years. Inside stories speculate that jealousy of Speight's rise to fame sparked the Distortion Hawgs' fall.

Playgirl magazine just re-

leased a statement two days ago that their October issue will contain a full spread of Richard Speight. George Ruccio, the spokesman for Speight, said the stories of the pictures are false. Speight denied ever posing for pictures. In a press conference, Speight was barged with questions concerning the *Playgirl* spread. Speight became enraged and started yelling. After calming down, Speight admitted to the pictures and said they were posed for as a favor to his formal girlfriend Susanna Haas. Haas reportedly sold the pictures to *Playgirl* for three million dollars.

Speight's future plans are speculative because of the *Playgirl* smudge on his career. The Distortion Hawgs Sausage in Your Pocket tour '87 began in L.A., moving eastward and around the globe. With tour dates in Europe, Asia, and the Sub-Continent, the tour was highlighted by stops at local bars, pool halls, and a bowling alley. One special stop, "The Glass Onion" was visited twice by the Hawgs. The first time the band played only their best eight songs to the thousands of screaming women rushing the stage. The second time was a sort of Live-Band-Save-the-Wales-Aid type event with opening act 0.05 (presently in the where-are-they-now file).

Striking an emotional string in the band's heart, the band played (at no cost) at the 1987 Special Olympics. Tim Wallace said, "The fans were to much. I laughed. I cried. It was special." As luck would have it, the sound system at the Special Olympics was too powerful, blowing everybody away, but the crew finally managed to control the sound level. Paul Simon, who opened for the Hawgs at Vanderbilt said, "I can't believe I have the chance to share the stage with such talent." After the show, Ben Tate said, "Paul who?"

One of their last concert dates was in Nashville, Tennessee at the Pi Phi Kappa sorority rush party and music festival. This music-fest can only be compared to Woodstock.



The Distortion Hawgs...before the breakup.

Photo by Dave Fredericksen

Movie Review:

Summer School

by John Gup-ton

Who would've thought summer school could be so much fun? Well, "Summer School," the new Carl Reiner film starring Mark Harmon is a blast. Harmon plays a bumbling teacher named Freddy Shoop whose highest aspiration is "to pass out jocks" and teach gym class. As he concedes, "I'm not a real teacher." That much is true, at least until he gets the teaching (and learning) experience of his life.

The simple plot goes as follows: Harmon is blackmailed into forgoing his vacation in Hawaii and teaching a group of unmotivated kids. Relating to the students' youthful spirit of fun, he plans field trips to an amusement park and a farm (such fun-loving teachers are hard to come by). Soon, however, everyone must buckle down to prepare for an English competency test and Skoop enlists fellow teacher Kirstie Alley's help to teach him how to teach. In the process, he becomes a "Model teacher," woos

Kirstie, and motivates his students to learn and achieve.

Above all, what makes this movie such a success is the cast of genuinely funny and likeable characters. Ideally suited for the role of Freddy Shoop, Mark Harmon is affable and charming. As the gorgeous honors teacher, Kirstie Alley (looking more like a long-legged model than a teacher) makes a terrific hard-to-get love interest. The class is a motley crew of characters: an ardent surfer girl with designs on the teacher, a sassy girl with a bad attitude (and driving skills to match), a pregnant teenager (whose labor pains begin during her test), two horror film fanatics, and the list goes on. In one uproarious scene the horror fans play a ghoulish prank on their substitute teacher using their expertise for gory makeup. The results are both gruesome and hilarious. This scene is just one in many that provide enough laughs to make "Summer School" one of the best and funniest movies of the summer.

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SUMMER SPORTS UPDATE

Track

by Rob Barrett

These past three months several MBA track and field athletes, looking ahead to the spring season, participated in summer track programs. Those involved were seniors Steve Zibas, Michael McNally, and Rob Barrett; junior Lanson Hyde; and eighth graders Carter Baker and Matt Zibas.

Steve Zibas ran for the elite Music City Track Club, whose members are picked from the best runners in the midstate. Steve, a double silver medal winner in the state meet, was hampered by a hip injury suffered by playing soccer in Hendersonville. He still, however, qualified in Baton Rouge in the 5000-meter for the TAC Nationals held in Provo, Utah.

Michael McNally, the school record-holder in the pole vault, attended vaulting camp in Houston under the tutelage of Tom Tellez, Carl Lewis' coach. Although he hurt his foot the first day, Michael said, "I learned a lot... he changed everything I did," a fact which should make for even higher vaults for McNally.

The Harpeth Valley Track Club, coached by Tony Moon, counted among its many members four MBA students and practiced at MBA. Carter Baker (returning to AAU as one of the premier country's long and high

jumpers in his age group, won first in the high jump and third in the long jump in the southeastern regional meet, held at the University of Alabama. At the national meet in California, the 5'5" Carter was fifth in the US in the high jump among 13 and 14 year-olds with a leap of 5'6". Matt Zibas, another distance runner of the Zibas clan, qualified for the nationals in the 3000-meter and 4 x 400 relay (on a team with Baker), but was unable to attend. Rob Barrett achieved times of 11.2 and 22.7 in the 100 and 200, respectively, close to the school records held by mentor Gavin Moon. In the regional meet, Barrett's 4 x 400 relay team placed in the southeast, thus qualifying for the nationals, but he was unable to attend because of football. However, Lanson Hyde, who was able to go by making the sacrifice of missing cross-country camp (fun in the sun?), ran a leg of the 4 x 800 relay team in the 15-16 year-old division which set a southeastern region record and won second place in the country with a sterling time of 8:22.

All in all, the summer spent practicing in the heat (while most of our peers left for vacation faster than teachers' leaving MBA) was a successful one. Next spring's school track team will be one of the most successful

ever on all levels.

Baseball

by Jim Norris

Summer—the word is almost synonymous with baseball. Summer brings with it not only a break from the routine and tediousness of school but also a chance to enjoy one of America's finest games: baseball. While most people find it exciting enough just to follow their favorite teams' progress in the comfort of their own homes, a few people decide to play summer baseball and experience its thrill and excitement first hand. Although many of the games conflicted with school and exams during the spring and tied up much of the summer, baseball provided those who chose to play with great joy and satisfaction. Many students from MBA contributed to summer baseball programs, and the following is a list of some of those who participated:

Jay Ferguson played in the 14-15 year-old league in Bellevue, and he helped lead his team to a second place finish in the league. Jay hit well all season, and his year was highlighted by his grand slam and selection to the All-Star team. David Daniels also played in Bellevue, and he had an extremely productive year offensively as well as a good year in

the infield. David also pitched, and much to batters' dismay, he continued to improve upon his devastating knuckle-curve ball. David was named to the All-Star team, which finished third in the region.

Kevin King and Scott Burrow, members of last year's MBA JV, also played in Bellevue, and they continued to improve in areas in which they can contribute to MBA's program next spring. Alex Wadley also had a fine season for Bellevue, and he too was named to the All-Star team.

Glenn Harris, an overpowering pitcher for the Microbes last year, played for the exceptional Crieve Hall 13 year-old team. Opponents feared him not only as a pitcher but also as a hitter, and his amazing play helped contribute to the team's strong fifth place finish in the regional tournament.

Brooks Smith played for the Music City Blues, a strong 16 year-old team that finished near the top of its league. Brooks, starting in center field, continued his hot hitting that he began in the spring for MBA, and he finished the year batting in the mid-.300s.

Doug Miles, playing in the same league as Brooks, played for another strong team in the league, the Nashville Pride. Coming off an exceptional JV

season, Doug played first base, and his steady play both offensively and defensively helped keep his team near the top of the league.

Jim Norris played for the league's Brentwood team, and his team finished second, going on to play in the State Tournament in Memphis. Jim played third base and batted in the high-.300's.

Jeff Owen, playing for the 17-18s Brentwood team, had an outstanding season at second base. He not only played well on defense, but he also continued his incredible hitting as he led Brentwood to a great year.

Brad Reese, playing for Twitty City, also had an incredible year. His superb defense and high batting average helped lead Twitty City to a CABA World Series appearance, a prestigious tournament for the best amateur teams in the nation.

Marc Smith also played on the World Series team, and he had a great year both catching and hitting for the Twitty City Hits.

Many others played summer baseball, including Mark Kolodziejki, Michael Brooks, De Thompson, and Jason Burroughs. All of those students who participated can look back on their experiences and be glad that they spent their summers playing baseball.



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-- From a friend

MICROBE FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 Ezell Harding
Sept. 17 at BGA
Oct. 2 Brentwood Acad.
Oct. 8 Northside
Oct. 15 at Ensworth
Oct. 23 Page

FRESHMAN
FOOTBALL
SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Stratford
Sept. 17 Whites Creek
Sept. 24 Father Ryan
Oct. 1 Hillwood
Oct. 8 at Pearl-Cohn
Oct. 15 at Hillsboro
Oct. 22 at Overton

ALL GAMES AT 4:PM

JUNIOR VARSITY

FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

Sept. 7 at Whites Creek
Sept. 14 Beech
Sept. 21 Overton
Oct. 5 Brentwood
Oct. 12 at Hillwood
Oct. 19 Ryan
Oct. 26 Pearl-Cohn



SPORTS

Ken Downey Interviewed

by Kurt Gilliland

A new face on the hill this year is Mr. Ken Downey, who graduated from MBA in 1982. He is the brother of Frank, who graduated last year from MBA.

Mr. Downey attended Vanderbilt University and graduated in 1986 with a B.A. in English. He will be teaching word wealth and ancient history in the eighth grade. Presently he is already working hard as an assistant varsity football coach. In particular, he works with the split ends on offense and the right cornerbacks and free safeties on defense.

He recently answered a few questions for the Bell Ringer: **Bell Ringer: What sports did you play at MBA?**

Ken Downey: I played split end and safety for Coach Owen in football, played guard in basketball, and played third base and pitched some in baseball.

BR: Did you ever consider playing football for a small college?

KD: Yes, I really did consider it. I couldn't have played for Vanderbilt, but I did have a little money offered at what was then Southwestern and is now Rhodes. I also thought seriously about the old Sewanee route. I chose Vanderbilt, however, and did walk on in baseball because I really wanted to play college baseball, but I didn't make it. That was kind of a blow, but I really didn't want to go to a

small school. I missed football which wasn't a sacrifice. I probably could have played baseball at Southwestern or Sewanee, but I tried my chances at Vanderbilt and it [playing baseball] didn't work out.

BR: What have you been doing since you graduated from Vandy?

KD: I graduated in '86, and that summer I went out West with friends to travel, but it didn't work at all. I was out there for about seven weeks. Then I moved to Athens, Georgia, where I taught eighth-grade English, coached JV football, and was the assistant coach to varsity baseball.

BR: What is it that tempted you to leave Athens?

KD: It was the hardest decision I've ever made. I had a lot of close ties down there; it was a very close community. I had a lot of close friends, and it was hard, but Coach Bennett called me down there about two days before I was going to leave to come home for the summer. At that time it was too much to turn down with the football coaching position and the possibility of working with baseball. I wanted to come back to Nashville. It's probably where I'll end up living.

BR: Will you coach any other sports this year?

KD: Well, it's up in the air right now. With Mark [Elliott] leaving, I'll probably be helping out

Coach Bennett with JV basketball, and then I'll be helping out with baseball.

BR: Who will coach basketball?

KD: Well, Mark got the job [at Vanderbilt] yesterday [August 5], and Bostick's gone, so Mr. Bennett will probably take it.

BR: Which game on the schedule is the coaching staff expecting to be the toughest?

KD: Well, you always think the Ryans, Overtons, and now Whites Creeks are the toughest. Whites Creek is a big game because it's early, but you never want to look ahead as a coach. But if you look at our first four games, all four are good teams and two are district games; you've got to set your eyes on the first district game and then the second one. Once you're 2-0, there's no telling what can happen.

BR: What do you think the strong points are in this year's team?

KD: Well, I think that coming into this week, quarterback was a big question. Of course, whenever you have a guy who hasn't had much playing experience, even though he has been learning under Coach Owen, there's a question. But that question has been answered this week. Drew [Robison] has been practicing well. He's really smooth. We have a lot of confidence, and that's one thing that I think will be an asset this year. I think that



Coach Downey directs the secondary.

specialty-position-wise, we're loaded. We've got a surplus of backs and receivers. That'll carry us a long way. With people playing both ways, guys can rest. The offensive and defensive lines always have a lot to learn each year. Only one starter is coming back. That was a question, and only time will tell. But they're working their tails off, and I think they're doing a great job. The size isn't there, but they've got quickness and big hearts, and I think that'll come through for us. I don't look for the offensive and defensive lines to be weak at all, they're just inexperienced. It's that way every year. Last year they were inexperienced and MBA was a playoff team.

BR: How do you think our present schedule and district stack up to the way they were when you played for MBA six years ago?

KD: Well, it's about the same, except that Antioch and Glenclyff are out and Whites Creek's in. I think, to be honest, that weakens District 12 and strengthens our district [District 11]. Antioch's been up the past few years and Glenclyff's been decent, but I think Whites Creek is any different now talent-wise than when we played them my junior year when we beat them 24-0. They were a young team then and now they're just learning how to win. That's key. I mean, look at MBA teams. They just don't know how to lose. I think that Whites Creek is obviously not where MBA is as far as tradition goes. I think they're starting to learn how to win now, however.

The Legacy Continues

by Jay Knowles

The 1987 version of the MBA Cross Country team has already gotten off to what promises to be a very successful season. With a month of training under their belts, this talented yet inexperienced team should be prepared for their first meet



Photo by Georgie Gillett

on September 8.

Practice began on August 3 with a brief meeting and a short run. The team only has three people from last year's top seven returning: Co-Captain Steve Zibas (last year's Metro runner of the year), Co-Captain Jay Knowles, and junior Lanson Hyde. Also returning from last year's squad are seniors Chad Enders, Storm Sommer, Tommy Vanderver, Steve Jobe, and Bill Penuel; and sophomore Brent Cummings. New to the team this year are junior tracker James Gooch, and Freshmen Kieth Ikard and Casey Jones.

After a week of practice, eight members of the team went to Camp Boxwell near Gallatin for a week of intense training. The team ran twice a day and had several guests (including Nashville Elite runner Gary Perry, former Overton coach Randall Tidwell, and Jimmy Zibas)

come and speak to the team. During their free time the team swam, canoed, watched television, played volleyball, ate, and slept. At the end of the week, the team was tired, but they had definitely benefited from the experience.

But what is in store for this year's team? Can they measure up to last year's team. Steve Zibas is definitely one of the favorites for the state title. The Region Championship is almost a sure thing as it has been for the past six years. How well the team will perform in big meets and in the State remains to be seen. Their true depth and ability depends greatly on a number of runners with little or no experience. If these runners live up to their potential, the team could have one of its best seasons in years. So come out some Tuesday afternoon or Saturday morning and see what all of the talk is about.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 28	Riverdale
* Sept. 4	Whites Creek
Sept. 11	at Beech
* Sept. 18	at Overton
Sept. 25	Cookeville
Oct. 2	at Brentwood High
* Oct. 9	Hillwood (Homecoming)
* Oct. 16	Ryan
* Oct. 23	at Pearl-Cohn
* Oct. 30	at Hillsboro
* District Games	

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SPORTS

Unheralded Gridiron Men

by Michael O'Hare

The 1987 football season has opened against Murfreesboro Riverdale and this game's success or failure will depend on some special kind of men, the unheralded gridiron men. The sportswriters do not write about them, and fans do not cheer for them. The unheralded gridiron men consist mainly of juniors and sophomores who help the varsity get ready for Friday night. The unheralded gridiron men can be seen on Mondays after school where they slug it out with other teams in J.V. football.

Only thirteen of the many freshman stars of last year are returning to take on the rigors of varsity football as sophomores. In the backfield there is Matt Fisher at fullback, Alden "Perfect Tackler" Smith at tailback, Brash Billy Crawford heads the quarterbacking duties. George Clements was a receiver until

his knee met Billy Crawford's helmet in a practice drill, but the receiving duties will be well taken care of by the likes of Scott Burrow and Billy Lyle. The offense just could not work with the heroics of the line. David Trainor, Kirk Kaludis, Stuart Towery, Rob Lentz, Lindsay Cooper, and Steven Anderson (who in the first two weeks of practice has managed to put a grapefruit-sized lump on his forehead and to have his eyes swell up because of allergies) make up the rugged front line. Dan Brooks is a lineman who also plays linebacker on defense (when he is not in physical therapy for his torn-up knees). Allen Hunt joins Brooks on defense at defensive end.

The juniors are the next group of players that help make up this elite team of unheralded gridiron men. Many juniors will find themselves playing important roles on Friday night when

they will play on kickoff teams and fill in for hurt seniors. The juniors are also the backbone of the J.V., starting and playing much of the J.V. games.

The backfield has many up and coming stars. Chris Hall, Worchester (Wore' chest ur) Bryan, and Rabin Nimmo take care of the running duties, while Drew Robison will start as quarterback for the varsity. The line will consist of Sheldon "the Bull" Griffin, John Moore, Kelsey Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Thompson, and Mike Seshul. The illusory receivers are Brad Bishop, Greg Downer, Frank Dwowota, Richie Gann, and Andy Patterson, who picked up mono because of osculations with his ex-girlfriend. Bo Healy and John Smithwick will play tight end and defensive end. Jim Abernathy and Michael O'Hare will be defensive specialists. Abernathy will be at linebacker, while O'Hare will be at strong



safety. There are a few juniors who will be starters for the varsity because of their great playing ability and intellect. Brooks Smith will start as linebacker, while Jeremy Russell will be at

fullback.

So when you are in your seats watching the game (or socializing more likely), just remember who made the starters so darn good!



MBA gentlemen show off their haircuts. From left to right are Mike Poe, Demetri Patikas, David Fredericksen, and Patrick Roberts.

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The Boz. MBA has witnessed some pretty bizarre haircuts on the football team in August. Many have flat tops, but somewhat more bizarre are the "Brian Bosworth" haircuts of Mike Morrissey, Patrick Roberts, and Edgar Bueno. Even more bizarre are Demetri Patikas and Jeff Owen's cuts accompanied by shaved rows over the ears. Topping it all off, however, is David Fredericksen's mohawk.

Eagle Scouts. MBA is honored that several members of its student body recently attained the lofty rank of Eagle Scout. Among them were Brian Stephenson (Troop 1) and Gilbert Naylor Smith (Troop 87), who reportedly quoted Rambo and Prince in his Eagle scout essay.

Decathlon. Last May, Emmett Russell and James Gooch competed in the TSSAA State Decathlon, a grueling two-day, 10-event competition. Russell placed an impressive twelfth in the state with 1660 points. He excelled in the jumping events

with 5-10 in the high jump, 19-6 in the long jump, and 40-10 in the triple jump. Gooch placed 18th in the state with 5665 points, excelling in the 1600 with 4:47. The MBA record rests with Brooks Corzine's 8410, while the state record is held by Scott Hartman at 8720.

Baseball. The all-stars for the 1987 baseball season were released in June, and MBA's Brad Reese was the second-team all-Nashville short stop.

Vol Football. Rumor has it that Trey Spence (class of '87) will walk on this fall at the University of Tennessee in football.

Swimming. Over the summer, several MBA students have been involved with swimming leagues. For Sequoia Club, senior Robb Ludwick and Eric Sundell (class of '87) participated on a medley relay that won third place in the city meet. Ludwick and Sundell, along with Sam Marney (class of '86) also participated on a freestyle relay team that won

first place in the city. Sundell had the most points for all city swimmers, while Ludwick gave Sequoia a third-place individual finish in the 50-meter backstroke. Ludwick will forego the football season to train for the MBA swimming team where he has said that he intends to be captain.

Football. The coaches of District 11-AAA picked Whites Creek to finish first with 58 points (5 first place votes). MBA was picked second place with 46 points (1 first place vote). Traditional powers Ryan and Overton finished low in the pack with 30 and 25 points respectively.

The Creek. This week, MBA faces the Cobras of Whites Creek at home in a very important district game. Although the Creek will lack seniors Derrick Dalton and Chris Perkins (who are foregoing football to work on track), they will still be powerful with David Sadler (6'3", 220), many returning starters and lettermen and many linemen in the 200s.

SPORTS

BIG REDEYES DISTRICT

by Kurt Gilliland

On July 31, all thoughts about Big Red football became reality. On this day, the entire squad met for a team meeting, although most of the team had been lifting weights and running on the track under senior leadership all summer.

Before any team member actually touched a ball, the team went through "test day," a rigorous decathlon-type day consisting of 40-yard dashes, backwards 20's, benchpresses, squats, dips, 10-yard starts, the vertical leap, lateral quickness drills, the infamous "burpies," and the grueling 1.5-mile run. Mike Morrissey took first place.

On Monday, August 3, the real action started with two-a-days in full pads in 99° weather. The team practiced defense in the morning for two hours, while the afternoon practice was devoted to two hours of offense. In between the two practices, there was usually a meeting or film to see. Two-a-days, intended to help the team learn defensive and offensive schemes in a short time, continued for the first two

weeks of August.

This year's team is anxious to improve on last year and to provide an exciting season. Although many starters graduated, the niches seem to be filled well. Coach Elliott's offensive line boasts (from left to right) Bob Napier, Mike Poc, Trey Everett, Andrew Bond, and Wendell Harmer. Bob Napier will again handle the long-snapping, while Jeff Owen will handle the punting and kicking.

The backfield looks impressive with Patrick Roberts at tailback, Jeremy Russell at fullback, Drew Robison at quarterback, and Jeff Owen and David Spickard at wingback.

The receivers are also talented as usual. Demetri Patikas will handle tight end duties, while Emmett Russell and Mike Morrissey will double at split end.

The defense, coordinated by coach Damon Regen, again looks powerful. Linebackers Worchester Bryan, Brooks Smith, and Jeremy Russell are ready for action, while defensive ends Demetri Patikas and

Edgar Bueno are in good shape. The secondary includes David Spickard (LC), Michael McNally (SS), Mike Morrissey (FS), and Rob Barrett and Billy Frist, who will share time at right cornerback. Poe, Napier, and Bond loom on the defensive line.

A welcome new face is Ken Downey (class of '81), who will coach the wide receivers and defensive backs. The managing/training staff also has some new faces in Greg Pearson and Renard François. Veterans Matt Williams and the flat-topped Chas Hewgill will be in charge, while Geordie Gillett will assist.

The team got a preview of its ability on August 7 in a scrimmage against David Lipscomb. MBA won 14-0 with touchdowns by Brooks Smith and Drew Robison. Unfortunately, the scrimmage was costly in injuries. Marc Smith (TB/LB) tore ligaments in his knee and will likely miss the entire season, while Brooks Smith (FB/LB) sprained his knee. These injuries will definitely affect the team, but other players have



willingly adjusted to account for these losses.

The Big Red also had a pre-season scrimmage against Columbia High School and Brentwood Academy. On August 21, MBA participated in the Town 'n' Country Jamboree, where four Metro teams oppose four teams from the surrounding counties. This jamboree is unique in that it is the only one with a continuous score.

The schedule looks tough, but with such extensive preparation, the team ought to be prepared to handle it. After opening last Friday night against a tough team from Murfreesboro River-

dale, the team is ready for the first district game this Friday night against Metro power Whites Creek. MBA will also play non-district games against Beech, Cookeville, and Brentwood High, the last two of which were not on the schedule last year. The schedule omits Glenclyff and Antioch, who are no longer in District 11-AAA, but otherwise it remains the same with district games against Overton, Hillwood, Father Ryan, Pearl-Cohn, and Hillsboro.

With eyes set on the district championship, Coach Owen's 1987 edition of MBA Big Red football is ready to roll.

Linksters State Champions?

by Will Van Derveer

Despite the loss of senior leader Rob Hilton, the golf team

expects to be a state contender again this year. The top golfers have been polishing their skills

with vim and vigor over the summer.

Brannon Atkinson has played in many tournaments, including ones in Augusta, Georgia and Chattanooga. Rhodes Hall has practiced his driving skills (both golf and cart) at Belle Meade Country Club. Steve Matthews has been quiet, choosing to work at the Fountain. Ward Chaffin and Will Van Derveer have corrected their slices. Jay McKnight has played extremely well over the summer, soaring to new heights in golfing and practicing the Spirit of Golf.

In Chattanooga, Jay came in second place, making him the second best junior golfer in the state. Later, he qualified for the national junior tournament in Colorado by finishing second in the region qualifications.

After finishing a disappointing fifth place in the state last year, Coach Caldwell and the golf team hope to improve on the lessons of last year and win the state.



Michael Shears drops a long one.



MBA has been plagued by early injuries.

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